

Regular Session, 2006

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Army Staff Sergeant Jens E. Schelbert.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army Staff Sergeant Jens Eduard Schelbert upon his death in ground combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, even though Staff Sergeant Schelbert was born in Mainz, Germany, he considered himself a native son of New Orleans, Louisiana, who loved his country dearly and felt that his service in the armed forces was the method by which he could best preserve the freedom and democracy that Americans everywhere treasure; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Schelbert will always be remembered by his fellow soldiers as the epitome of what a professional soldier should be and for his willingness to help others and insure that his men had everything they needed to complete any mission they received; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Schelbert accomplished much during his military career of more than a dozen years, training constantly, excelling in his duties, and becoming well known for his outstanding abilities during tours at Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Knox, Kentucky, Camp Casey, South Korea, and Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Schelbert returned from overseas assignment to rejoin his old unit, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, located

1 at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was selected to serve as the Battalion Commander's
2 Gunner, ultimately holding that prestigious position for two other commanders prior to his
3 deployment to Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Schelbert was 31 years of age when he and his men were
5 attacked and engaged by a large, heavily-armed, enemy force on October 1, 2005, at a
6 forward operating base near Ar Ramadi, Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Schelbert led his men bravely and decisively as he
8 responded to the terrorist attack, subsequently and tragically sustaining wounds of a mortal
9 nature; and

10 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Schelbert had proven himself as a truly fearless warrior
11 on several prior occasions, receiving awards and decorations such as the Bronze Star Medal,
12 the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat, two awards of the Army
13 Commendation Medal for Valor, the Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf
14 Clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation for battlefield heroism, the Combat Action Badge and
15 numerous other service medals for overseas service, the War on Terror and national defense;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Schelbert will be greatly missed by his mother, Anna
18 Wallace of Columbus, Georgia; his daughters, Samtha Ehrenberg of Pennsylvania and Astrid
19 Schelbert of Hannibal, Missouri; a sister, Jessica P. Wallace of Columbus, Georgia; and
20 brothers, Christian Schelbert of Erlangen, Germany, and Michael J. Wallace of Columbus,
21 Georgia.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby extend its deepest and most sincere condolences to the family of United States
24 Army Staff Sergeant Jens Eduard Schelbert for their loss in the United States' War on
25 Terrorism.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 family of Staff Sergeant Schelbert.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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